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SUBJECT: US MULTIPLE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO POLAND - IL 1565

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1. UKDEL STATES HIS AUTHORITIES ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH ANSWERS COVEYED IN REF B AND INCORPORATED IN DEC. (74) 371, AND HAS SUBMITTED SUPPLEMENTARY ONES. TEXT OF UK COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IS REPEATED BELOW. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLY.

2. QUOTE THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES REGRET THAT THE UNITED STATES REPLIES, RECORDED IN COCOM DOC(74)371, TO THEIR QUESTIONS AS SET OUT IN COCOM DOC(74)195, DO NOT CLARIFY THE ORIGINAL US PRESENTATION SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT THE LIFTING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM RESERVE AT THIS STAGE. APPROVAL OF THIS CASE WOULD SEEM TO THEM TO MARK A DISTINCT EVOLUTION IN THE COMMITTEE'S POLICIES. BEFORE TAKING A FINAL POSITION, THEY WISH TO ENSURE THAT THIS POINT IS QUITE CLEAR, IN ORDER THAT OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES MAY REFLECT IT AS APPROPRIATE IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THEIR OWN FIRMS. THEY WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL FOR REPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS:

"I. IN REGARD TO COMPUTER BASED NETWORKING SYSTEMS, THEY ARE PUZZLED BY THE US STATEMENT THAT IT IS PARTLY BECAUSE THE EXPORTER WILL NOT BE ENGAGED IN THE INTERCONNECTION
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OF THE SYSTEM 10 EQUIPMENT THAT THIS CASE DOES NOT

REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE PREVIOUS US POSITION. IF SO, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE IN THIS CASE FOR CARRYING OUT STANDARD ACCEPTANCE TESTING, AND THE ADDITIONAL TEST TO CONFIRM REMOTE TRANSMISSION FROM ONE SYSTEM 10 TO ANOTHER? IT IS, MOREOVER, NOTED THAT THE EXPORTER WILL MAINTAIN AN ANALYST IN POLAND WITH ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM 10 EQUIPMENTS IN ORDER TO VERIFY THAT NO CHANGES IN USE HAVE TAKEN PLACE, WHICH APPEARS TO CONFLICT WITH THE US ASSERTION MENTIONED ABOVE;

"II. WESTERN-ORIGIN COMPUTER-BASED DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS CURRENTLY IN USE IN EASTERN EUROPE COMPRISE EQUIPMENT NORMALLY FOR SIMPLER IN DESIGN THAN THAT PROPOSED IN THIS CASE, YET IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY IN SOME CASES FOR THE EXPORTER'S STAFF TO HAVE ACCESS TO REMOTE TERMINALS, EVEN WHERE THE TOTAL DATA TRANSFER RATE IS INFERIOR TO THAT WHICH WILL BE ACHIEVED BY SYSTEM 10. THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES TAKE IT FROM THE US PRESENTATION IN THIS CASE THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES NOW REGARD AS "GENERAL BUSINESS PROCESSING EQUIPMENTS" WITH "LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS ABILITY" COMPUTER BASED DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS (A) "TOTAL EFFECTIVE BIT TRANSFER RATE" FOR REMOTE TERMINAL DEVICES OF 9,600 BITS/SEC, (B) AND INTERFACED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL DATA RATE OF 2,400 BITS/SEC, AND (C) REMOTE TERMINALS (NOT ACCESSIBLE TO EXPORTER'S STAFF) LINKED IN A MULTI-PROCESSOR NETWORK." END QUOTE.
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